

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 10 are all of the pending claims, with claim 9 being written in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 11-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims are amended in response to the current claim rejection.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 9 and 10 are indicated as being allowed. As the non-allowed claims are cancelled, the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 USC §112

Claims 11-16 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As claims 11-16 are cancelled, the rejection is moot.

Although the Examiner rejects claims 11-16 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, the Examiner invokes grounds for rejection under 35 USC §112, sixth paragraph. Thus, it is unclear from the Office Action what the Examiner intends as the grounds for rejecting the claims. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, claims 11-16 are cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

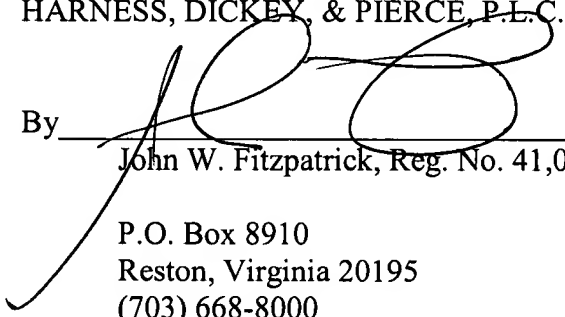
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John Fitzpatrick at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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